

Bernalillo County



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468-7000

SAVE THE DATE

**4th of July Holiday
County Closed**

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Need Assistance or  
Resources?  
Call Neighborhood  
Coordination

Bernadette Miera  
478-1279  
974-5578 (cell)

Lenton Malry  
468-7364  
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**No BCC meetings for
the month of July**

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Vincent E. Griego Chambers
1 Civic Plaza NW (basement)

Administrative

June 14 @ 5 p.m.
June 28 @ 3 p.m.

Zoning

June 28 @ 5:30 p.m.

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of the month
9 a.m.



BernCo at a glance

Neighborhood Newsletter
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Twelve Neighborhood Associations Awarded Neighborhood Outreach Grant

Bernalillo County has awarded the following twelve associations with Neighborhood Outreach Grants in its second solicitation for proposals. This program is an initiative by District 2 Commissioner Art De La Cruz and was unanimously approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The program was created to help neighborhood groups enhance and strengthen their communities.

Recognized neighborhood associations in both the unincorporated area of the county and the City of Albuquerque are eligible to apply for the grant. Grant solicitations occur twice a year. The next solicitation for proposals will be in September.

Buckboard NA

Community Garden / Rainwater Collection

Clayton Heights / Loma del Cielo NA

Web Creation



Downtown NA

Tree Planting / Urban Greening

East Mountain Coalition

Oral History Project



Fair Heights NA

Visioning for Streetscape Improvements

Fair West NA

Neighborhood History Project

Pajarito Mesa NA

Community Garden / Composting / Rain Collection

Pajarito Village Association

Obesity / Health Outreach



Remington Estates

Public Safety / Lighting

Santa Barbara HOA

Community Garden



Southeast Heights

Increase Association Awareness / Outreach

South San Pedro NA

Community Garden with Youth and Seniors

For more information contact:
Bernadette Miera,
Neighborhood Program Coordinator
468-1279 / bmiera@bernco.gov

Devoted and Beloved Vecino

Richard Rivas, a longtime community advocate and member of the Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association, passed away Memorial weekend. Last year, we featured Mr.



Rivas in our "Good Neighbor" column, which highlighted his volunteerism and dedication to his community. I am taking this opportunity to do so again, as the community has lost a caring, devoted and beloved vecino.

Richard went above and beyond his neighborhood association duties. He was the founder of the Community Bike Recycling Program. He and his volunteers recycled used bikes to give to children and adults throughout Albuquerque who could not afford them. Richard devoted countless hours per week obtaining bike donations, soliciting volunteers to help refurbish bicycles and grant monies to keep the program operating.

Richard was also involved in the West Central Community Development Group which was instrumental in redeveloping Central Avenue from the river west to Unser. Some of these efforts have resulted in the installation of the Route 66 neon lighting along west Central Avenue and the Central bridge upgrades. Richard served on various city and county boards representing the South Valley and west side communities. We appreciate Richard for his dedication and hard work in enhancing the quality of life of so many people.

Proposed Name Change Open Space Park In Adobe Acres

Bernalillo County is seeking public input on a current proposal to name a South Valley open space park in Adobe Acres after Clinton P. Anderson.

This 3.4-acre site property is located in District 2, and was part of the Clinton P. Anderson family ranch. Clinton P. Anderson died in 1975. For many years, Anderson represented New Mexico in the U.S. House of Representatives and in the U.S. Senate. Anderson also served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Harry S. Truman. Anderson was awarded the National Conservation Award in 1963.

Please go to www.bernco.gov to submit your comments.

Avoiding the Picnicking Food 'bug'



With our beautiful blue skies and easy access to the mountains, many New Mexicans like to spend a day picnicking or a weekend camping to relax and have fun with friends and family.

When packing the cooler and preparing the food for your next outing there are a few safety tips to be aware of.

How should I store my food?

Until food is ready to pack in the cooler, it is safest to store uncooked meats in the refrigerator. If your picnic includes buying fast food, eat it within 2 hours or chill it. To keep your food cold make sure to pack it in an insulated cooler and keep the food at 40°F. Bacteria multiply rapidly above this temperature. Once at the picnic, store the cooler in the shade. Keep the lid closed and avoid repeat openings of the cooler, allowing cold air to escape. Store beverages in a separate cooler where repeat opening of the cooler will not affect them, providing they do not spoil (i.e. milk). Remember that food should always be stored in a cooler except when cooking or serving. Place leftovers promptly back into the cooler. If there is still ice in the cooler when you return home and the food is cold, the leftovers should be safe to eat.

How should I prepare and cook my food?

When cooking, remove from the cooler only the amount of meat that will fit on the grill. The coals of the grill should be very hot. Meat should be cooked until juices run clear, especially ground beef. Meats that have been pre-cooked should be heated until steaming hot. Never put cooked meat on the same platter that held raw meat. The juices from raw meat can contaminate cooked meat with bacteria. If you marinate meat or poultry make sure to store it in the refrigerator. If you plan to use some of the marinade as sauce, reserve a portion before you put raw meat in it. Otherwise, the marinade may contaminate your cooked meat with bacteria.

What do I need to keep in mind for my next picnic?

Next time you head out for a picnic or a camping trip remember to take caution when planning your meal. Pack your food appropriately and keep it stored cold. Avoid cross contamination by preventing raw meat from coming into contact with items that will not be cooked (i.e., lettuce, bread, etc.). Finally, make sure to cook meat thoroughly and store leftovers in the cooler.

If you have questions please contact the Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health at 314-0310.

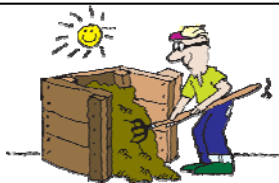
New toddler pool at Rio Grande Aquatic Center



Youngsters looking to splash in their own personal pool will now have the opportunity to wade through the water in Rio Grande's brand new toddler's pool. The shallow pool, which opened on Memorial Day weekend, is the latest addition to the Rio Grande Aquatic Center. The 760 square foot children's area is 1 ½ feet deep, and it can accommodate up to 30 people. The toddler's pool will be open every day; from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for seniors, \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for youth, \$1 for children (0-5 yrs), and \$2.00 for spectators. The Rio Grande Aquatic Center is located at 2312 Arenal Road SW.

Composting Class

Monday, June 6
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Gutierrez-Hubbell House
6209 Isleta Blvd. SW
RSVP to 314-0398



Farmers' Market Locations



'Tis the season! For fresh produce, that is. We have many local growers in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County that provide us with healthy food choices. Please support our local economy by buying your produce at one of the many farmers' markets. For information on markets in the Albuquerque area visit:

http://www.farmersmarketsnm.org/Farmers_Markets/Market_Locations/

Cedar Crest Farmers' Market

12144 N Hwy 14

Wednesdays, 3 pm - 6 pm

Market Season: mid-June - October/first frost

Contact: Thomas Isole, (505) 803-7579

Edgewood Farmers' Market

Wildlife West Park, 87 N Frontage Rd

Thursdays, 3 pm to 7 pm

Market Season: July 9th - October 15th

Contact: Craig Noorlander, (505) 281-7851

Los Ranchos Growers' Market

City Hall, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Saturdays, 7 am - 11 am

Market Season: May 7th - November 12th

Contact: Sue Brawley, (505) 890-2799

http://farmersmarketsnm.org/Market_Homepages/Los_Ranchos/index.html

South Valley Growers' Market

Cristo Del Valle Presbyterian Church, 3907 Isleta Blvd SW

Saturdays, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Market Season: May 11th - October 29th

Contact: Rhonda Reinert, (505) 877-4044

Green Waste Week June 19th thru 25th

Attention East Mountain Landowners!

Recycle your summer green waste and take home a FREE truckload of mulch!

FREE DROP OFF at the

East Mountain Transfer Station

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

711 Highway 333 | Tijeras, NM

Telephone: 281-9110

All loads must be covered.

Brought to you by: County of Bernalillo, County Commissioner Wayne A. Johnson, Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District and the NM Association of Counties

The Bernalillo County Fire Department will be asking the Board of County Commissioners for a fireworks ban in the unincorporated areas of the county, effective through July 14. The ban applies to fireworks that shoot higher than 10 feet in the air, have more than a 6 foot coverage area and fireworks that are louder than a cap gun. Permissible fireworks may be used in all other areas of the county on barren or paved areas. These include cones, fountains and hand-held sparklers.

If an individual is caught with prohibited fireworks, a citation could be issued requiring a fine up to \$1000 and/or one year jail time. An individual may be held liable for property damage caused by illegal firework use.

The severe drought conditions and the potential risk to life, property and the environment prompted the proposed ban. The ban covers the areas east of Louisiana Blvd. to the west face of the Sandia Mountains, from San Antonio Blvd. north to the Sandia Indian Reservation, all the East Mountain area and areas within 1000 feet of the Rio Grande Bosque and wildland areas.